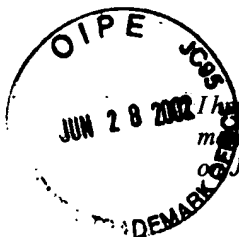


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Commissioner:

In response to the Final Action of November 29, 2001, and pursuant to the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), applicant respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicant is amending claims 2, 6, 26 and 40 and adding new claims 48 to 53. All of pending claims 2 to 53 follow: